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GLEN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) AND THE FINAL DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT PLAN/ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE WAHWEAP MARINA AREA

PAGE,AZ Glen Canyon National Recreation Area Superintendent Kitty L. Roberts announces the release of the FONSI and the Final Development Concept Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Wahweap Marina Area.

The FONSI is issued subsequent to the environmental assessment which analyzed specific development alternatives at Wahweap. Substantive comments received on the Draft DCP / EA during the public review period are addressed in Attachment A of the FONSI. There are no substantive changes to the public review version of the EA, rather it has been reprinted with the Final DCP (with minor text changes) and attached to the FONSI for ease of future reference.


Of the three alternatives considered in the environmental assessment, the approved plan includes a reduction in the amount of concessioner housing located within the park; the relocation of the commercial laundry operations outside of the park; relocation and screening of the of dry boat storage and construction areas to reduce visual impacts; development of a new food service facility near Stateline launch ramp and/or the remodeling of existing food service at the Wahweap Lodge; improved parking near Stateline launch ramp; upgrades to existing facilities to improve visitor services and operational efficiency; the creation of a new shuttle system between launch ramps and parking areas to reduce traffic congestion and disperse concentrated use. The approved plan will reduce potential environmental consequences through the implementation of specific mitigation measures designed to minimize potential effects and allow for maximum conservation of resources.

The approved plan will provide a high level of protection of natural and cultural resources, while concurrently attaining the widest range of neutral and beneficial uses of the environment without degradation; maintain an environment that supports diversity and variety of individual choices; and integrate resource protection with an appropriate range of visitor use.



Both the FONSI and the full document are available on the park's web site at www.nps.gov/glca/plan.htm. However, be aware, the full document is an extremely large file. A limited number of hard copies are available by writing to Superintendent, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Wahweap Development Concept Plan, P. O. Box 1507, Page, AZ 86040. Copies are also available for viewing at public libraries at Page, Arizona, Phoenix and Scottsdale, Arizona and Salt Lake City and Washington County, Utah.

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